Open Persecution in Red China Seen Subsiding

Peiping — (NC) — The open persecution of the Church by the Chinese Communists has subsided in recent weeks, but a deep-seated opposition to the Church and all religion continues, according to a letter received here from a missionary deep in Red-held territory.

The easing of persecution is believed here to be due to the wide publicity given recently to the Red excesses against the missionaries. To avoid any kind of reprisals the missioner uses pseudonyms for the missions and priests of whom he speaks in the letter.

"Anti-religious measures have subsided a bit," the letter says. "Father B. went out bravely and spent Easter at 'Highwall.' But he had to leave the place the same day. Too many Christians crowded to his Mass, and this the authorities resented. He is tolerated at 'Oldtown' now, however.

"For one month he was able to visit all his Christian units by night. I hear that he was not seen by any pagans during the whole month. The nights go swiftly: Confessions, a sermon, conversation with the people, Baptisms. Just after midnight he offers Mass. Then he walks a few hours to the next group of Christians, where he finds them hiding, and sleeps during the day.

"The young Chinese priest, Father C., can circulate more easily, although he was arrested and held for 14 days by the Communists. He visits the villages under his care quietly and recently visited the city where two priests were executed last summer. The four sisters there had been without Mass or the Sacraments for eight months. The sacrifices of the sisters have brought about conversions all through the city. The man who killed Father Anthony with an axe at the mob trial has asked with tears to become a Christian.

15 Pupils Graduated From Avon School

Avon—Fifteen graduates of St. Agnes School received their diplomas from the Rev. Charles C. Muckle, Sunday, June 27 at exercises in St. Agnes Church.

Rev. Lawrence Sansom, assistant pastor, addressed the graduates. Music was furnished by the Girls' Choir.

Members of the class who were winners of school prizes were: highest average, Paul Fitzgerald; Christian Doctrine Award, Mary Lou Dolter; Altar Boy Awards, Paul Fitzgerald, Glennon Brown and Thomas Cochrane.

Msgr. De Regge Mass to Mark Anniversary

An Anniversary Mass for the late Rt. Rev. Msgr. Hippolyte De Regge, will be offered at Our Lady of Victory Church, Tuesday, July 13 at 8 a.m.

Monsignor De Regge was the first Chancellor of Rochester Diocese and served under the first Bishop, the Most Rev. Bernard J. McQuaid. He built the Church of Our Lady of Victory in 1868.

Our Lady of Victory Church, better known as "The Little French Church" on Pleasant Street will be redecorated in anticipation of the centennial observance of the parish, it was announced today.

Born in Gehnt, Belgium, Dec. 17, 1830, Monsignor De Regge followed a course of studies at the Jesuit college of St. Barbe and made his theological studies at the Grand Seminary of Ghent. He was recognized as a brilliant student. Ordained at the age of 23 he was made professor of dogmatic theology at St. Andrew's Seminary of Rendix.

He came to Rochester and became a capable assistant to Bishop McQuaid whom he accompanied to Rome for the Vatican council.

The Bishop appointed Father De Regge as chancellor and also president of the newly erected St. Andrew's Seminary. He was made a domestic prelate with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor by His Holiness Pope Leo XIII.

He was held in high esteem by both Catholics and non-Catholics in Rochester and died in Antwerp, Belgium while on a vacation there.

Genevan Wed In Canandaigua

Seneca Miss Gertrude E. Canan, 103 Park Ave., Canandaigua, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Guy Canan, was united in marriage to John F. Noonan, 13 N. Exchange St., son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Noonon, on Monday, June 28.

The ceremony as performed in St. Mary's church, Canandaigua, by Rev. James D. Cuffney, assistant pastor.

Mrs. James Brooker of Canandaigua was matron of honor. James F. Brooker was best man.

A breakfast was served for the immediate families at Greenwood, East Lake Shore, after which the couple left for a wedding trip to the Adirondacks.

Mr. and Mrs. Noonan will live in Geneva. He is a graduate of St. Francis de Sales school and Notre Dame University. His bride attended St. Mary's school and Nazareth Academy, Rochester, and has been secretary in the office of Attorney Samuel R. Levy.

Adamo-Scannell Nuptials Held

Seneca Falls—The marriage of Miss Mary Adamo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Adamo, Waterloo, and Bernard Scannell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Scannell, Swaby St., Seneca Falls, was solemnized in St. Mary's Church, Waterloo, on June 19 at 9 a.m. Rev. George T. McCall, pastor, performed the ceremony and offered the Nuptial Mass.

Miss June Annis, cousin of the groom, sang a solo. She was accompanied on the organ by Miss Betty McKevitt.

The wedding party was composed of Miss Marion Qualtieri, as maid of honor, Miss Margaret French, Miss Mary Chido, Miss Janet Wartenby and Miss Katherine Vitetta as bridesmaids and Miss Doris Scannell and Miss Joyce Adamo of Waterloo as junior bridesmaids. James D'Urso was best man and the ushers were Richard Adamo, Ronald Sandroni, Angelo Esposito and Louis Rizzieri.

A dinner at the 5 and 20 Club, Geneva and a reception at the S. M. S. Hall, Seneca Falls, followed the church rites.

Mr. and Mrs. Scannell will live on Swaby St., Seneca Falls.

Health Insurance Status Of Priests, Nuns Clarified

London—(NC)—The parish clergy of England and Wales are generally "self-employed persons" who are "gainfully occupied," the Bishops decided when they discussed the new national health regulations covering all persons from 15 to 65 in the British Isles.

The new plan, which went into effect on July 5, provides that all persons between these ages must be insured for medical and similar treatment and pay contributions for that insurance. It divides insured persons into three classes: employed persons; self-employed persons (described as persons gainfully occupied who are not employed under a contract of service); and non-employed persons.

CHINA RELIEF REWARDED

A painting entitled "Immaculate Conception," the work of the late Chang Shan-Tzu, is presented to Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington by Miss Genevieve Wimsatt, president of the Institute of Chinese Culture, at a reception held by the institute in recognition of the prelate's aid in the field of China war relief. The Archbishop was former head of the War Relief Service—National Catholic Welfare Conference. (NC Photos.)

Weddings in Auburn

Fallat-Zamniak

Auburn—Miss Pearl Zamniak, daughter of Mrs. Catherine Zamniak, 194 Perrine Avenue and Peter Fallat, also of Auburn, were married June 26, in SS Peter and Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic church by the Rev. Basil Ostas, pastor. The attendants were Miss Helen Fallat, maid of honor, Mrs. Joseph Panko, matron of honor, Miss Katie Zamniak bridesmaid, and Andrew Namisniak best man. The ushers were Joseph Fallat and Joseph Panko.

Coughlin-Reardon

Miss Marion Evelyn Reardon daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Reardon of 6 East Genesee Street, Auburn, was married to John Joseph Coughlin, son of Mrs. Leo Coughlin of Cayuga on Saturday, June 26, at 9 o'clock in St. Alphonsus Church. Rev. Robert Dobbertin performed the ceremony. Mrs. Theodore Reardon sister-in-law of the bride, was the matron of honor. Miss Maureen Beaston, cousin of the bride, a bridesmaid, and Miss Carol S. Reardon, niece of the bride, was flower girl. Peter Donelly, cousin of the bridegroom was best man. Theodore N. Reardon and Daniel A. Donnelly were the ushers.

Morehouse-Major

At 9:30 o'clock, Saturday morning in St. Mary's Church, the wedding of Laura M. Major, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Major of 60 Elizabeth Street and Russel Morehouse, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Russel Morehouse Sr., of Sennett, took place. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. William E. Cowen officiated. Marie Major, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Patricia Major, another sister of the bride, was bridesmaid. Russel Morehouse, Sr., was his son's best man.

Donovan-McGann

The marriage of Miss Helen Marie McGann, 136 E. 29th St., New York, to Robert Forristel Donovan, of Auburn and New York, took place on Saturday, July 3. The ceremony was performed in St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, by the Rev. Father Donellan. Mr. Donovan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Donovan.

Duffy-Titus

Miss Lillian Mae Titus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Titus of R. D. 3, Auburn, and Charles Henry Duffy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Manley of Saranac Lake were united in marriage at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, June 26 at St. Alphonsus Church. The solemn high nuptial Mass was celebrated by Rev. Bernard Kuckman with Rev. Joseph Haffey as deacon and Rev. Robert Dobbertin as subdeacon. Miss Margaret Titus, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Miss Ruth Axton and Mrs. Marion Hadcock were the bride's other attendants. Maureen Quinn, flower girl, Jack Quinn, brother of the flower girl, was ring bearer.

Phillips-Marx

Miss Geneva Lenhart Marx, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Marx, 156 East Genesee Street, was married to Francis James Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Phillips of Skaneateles Falls on Saturday, June 18 at 11 o'clock in St. Mary's of the Lake Church, Skaneateles. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Marshall McMahon, pastor of the church. Phillips, brother of the bridegroom, was the best man.

Social Enjoyed By Clifton Parish

Clifton Springs—A successful ice cream social for the benefit of the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Felix Church of Clifton Springs, under the direction of Mrs. William Keating and Mrs. Claude Goodman, was held Tuesday, June 22. Due to the rainy weather it was held in St. Felix Hall dining room which has been recently painted and decorated with roses and peonies.

The guests received an entertainment program during the evening at which Mayor William Pelsher acted as Master of Ceremonies and Mrs. [illegible] Goodman of Manchester presided at the piano. Rev. Francis McDougherty sang two Irish songs. Patrick McLoughlin of Manchester sang several songs and Bert [illegible] Irish of Manchester played mandolin solos and sang. The [illegible] was accompanied by Miss Carol Murphy and [illegible] were sung by California's [illegible] singer, Mary Jane DeMarco and "Bing Crosby" Robert Kearney. Mary Ann Donovan sang a solo and was joined [illegible] by her sister, Patricia Donovan.

St. Lawrence U. Graduate

Seneca Falls—Vincent A. Capozzi, son of Mrs. [illegible] Capozzi, Toledo St., was graduated cum laude as Bachelor of Science at St. Lawrence University at the exercises held there. Vincent was a student in mathematics and was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. He is a veteran of World War II.

Governor Gives Address At Holy Cross Graduation

Boston—(NC)—Governor Robert F. Bradford of Massachusetts told the 274 graduates at the 124th commencement of the College of the Holy Cross here that it is not from others who threaten our institutions that we face danger, but in ourselves, for it is we who must maintain what we have created.

"There is much talk today of an atomic war, of a clash between east and west, of the infiltration of alien and atheist influences," the governor said. "But the real crisis of today is not to be found in the headlines. It is not along the rim of democracy, but at its core. It rests with every one of us as an individual and only as individuals working together, shoulder to shoulder, can we surmount that crisis."

Resistance Bishop Honored By Nazis

Brussels—NC—Bishop Louis Kerkhofs of Liege has been awarded the honor of Grand Officer of the Order of the Crown by Prince-Regent Charles of Belgium for his courageous resistance to the Nazis during the country's occupation by the Germans.

Emphasizing the Bishop's firm stand against the occupying power, Belgian Minister of Justice Struye, who presented the award, declared that throughout the occupation the prelate generously aided victims of the enemy regime, especially Jews.

Golden Jubilee Program Set By Auxiliary

Marking the 50th Anniversary of Ladies Auxiliary No. 44, Knights of St. John of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Rochester, a two-day celebration will open with Memorial High Mass to be offered Saturday, July 31, at 9:30 a.m.

Solemn Pontifical Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, August 1 at 9:45 a.m. in SS. Peter and Paul's Church to mark the Golden Jubilee. In the evening at Powers Hotel, a banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. with His Excellency Bishop Kearney and General Earl Boyle of Syracuse, president of New York State Grand Commandery scheduled as speakers.

Major Camilla Hasslauer unanimously reelected Supreme First Vice President at the Buffalo convention, is chairman of the celebration. She invites all members and friends of the Auxiliary to attend the celebration functions.

Deadline for reservations is set for July 25.

Mission Guild To Accept Gifts For Pope's Storeroom

The Catholic Mission Guild will continue a charitable project with their annual picnic Thursday, July 29 at Ontario Beach Park Picnic Grounds No. 3.

Mrs. Joseph Klein, social chairman, has appointed Mrs. Austin Hetzel and Miss Ruth Stoller as chairmen for the event. A cordial invitation is extended to all members and their families to attend. Supper will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Chauncey A. Dyxlater, president, has invited the guests to donate a small article of clothing or any baby article to be sent to the Pope's storeroom at the Vatican for distribution to the needy of Italy.

Committee members are: Mrs. Joseph Norman, Mrs. George Zeller, reservations; Mrs. A. Croft, Mrs. Claude Bretsch, Mrs. Dorothy, Mrs. Joseph Klein and Mrs. Willard Wakefield, entertainment; Mrs. Carl Heutel, Mrs. William Flueppler and Mrs. Gilbert Ernst, prizes.

Holy Land Lists 150,000 Christians

Jerusalem—The current issue of La Terra Santa, periodical of the Custody of the Holy Land published here, contains interesting statistical material giving the following comparative figures on the Christian and Mohammedan populations in the various countries of the Middle East:

Country	Christians	Mohammedans
Palestine	150,000	1,000,000
Trans-Jordan	40,000	300,000
Lebanon	350,000	520,000
Syria	320,000	2,300,000
Iraq	150,000	3,500,000
Egypt	1,500,000	16,500,000
Saudi Arabia	(No list)	6,000,000
Yemen	(No list)	3,500,00

In Palestine it may be noted that practically all of the 150,000 Christians are Arabs. Of this number, about one-third, or 40,000, are Roman Catholics.

Mercy Guild to Meet

Regular meeting of the Mercy Guild of the Little Flower will be held Tuesday afternoon, July 13 at 2 p.m. at the Catholic Women's Club, Alexander Street. Mrs. Frank Gifford, President, will conduct the meeting.

Magna Carta Episode Listed In Ithaca K. C. Broadcast

Ithaca — Fourth of the "Foundations of Our American Ideals" series of radio dramas will reconstruct for listeners the historic scene which marked the birth of constitutional government: the signing of the Magna Charta in the field of Runnymede, on the Thames, June 15, 1215. The program, a presentation of the Supreme Council, Knights of Columbus, will be heard over Stations WHCU, 870 on regular dial, and WHCU-FM, 97.3 on FM dial, at 7:15 p.m. on July 13th. The broadcasts are sponsored in this area by Ithaca Council, No. 277.

"The objective of the 'Foundations' series," according to Grand Knight Francis Egan, "is to recall to the minds of Americans the ancient and dearly bought bases of the freedom they enjoy."

The episode of the signing of the Magna Charta, occurring more than five centuries before the American Revolution, dramatizes the defiance of a tyrant by men who, like the signers of the Declaration of Independence, were willing to pledge to the defense of their rights "their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor."

Takes Vows At Techny

First vows in the Missionary Sisters, Servants of the Holy Ghost were taken by Sister Helen Marie SSpS, nee Eleanore Yonker of Rochester at solemn ceremonies in Holy Ghost Convent, Techny, Ill., on Tuesday, July 6.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Yonker, 218 Versaille Road, Sister Helen Marie was graduated from St. Margaret Mary's School and Nazareth Academy before entering the Missionary Sisters community at Techny.

The young nun has three brothers, Arthur, Charles and David and several aunts and uncles who with her parents were present at the reception ceremonies.

Midweek Lay Retreat Set

Any man who is unable to make a week-end retreat with his own parish group is invited to join an overflow group from Blessed Sacrament Parish who are making a special midweek retreat beginning Tuesday evening, July 20 and ending Thursday afternoon, July 22. Call or write Frank E. Wolfe, 107 Culver Road, Telephone Monroe 4251 for reservations.

Bank Displays Christ's Image

San Jose, Costa Rica—(NC) With the reminder that the charity and wisdom of Christ should be a model to the banker in providing loans, a picture of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was hung in the National Bank of Costa Rica here at a ceremony attended by all officials and personnel.

The reminder was made by the Rev. Benjamin Nunez, founder of the Rerum Novarum Catholic labor movement in Costa Rica and Minister of Labor in the country's present Government. "May Christ remain within the heart of this bank to remind of the need for extending credit with more humane objectives," he stated.

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